

SAM Fall FORUM 2012

September 19, 2012



Site Assessment and Mitigation Program
Department of Environmental Health – County of San Diego

County Operations Center



State Legislative Update

State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0016

- On May 1, 2012, the State Water Board adopted a Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy.
- The policy was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on July 30, 2012.
- On August 17, 2012, the Notice of Decision was filed with the California Secretary for Natural Resources, and the policy became effective.

State Legislative Update (continued)

Assembly Bill (AB) 1701

- Requires local agencies that oversee corrective action for releases from USTs to be certified by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) by July 1, 2013
- Local oversight programs (LOPs) shall thereafter be implemented either by the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board or a certified city or county
- Unauthorized release cases currently assigned to LOPs that have not entered into an agreement with the SWRCB will be reassigned
- Requires application of a consistent set of standards for UST corrective actions

State Legislative Update (continued)

Assembly Bill (AB) 1566

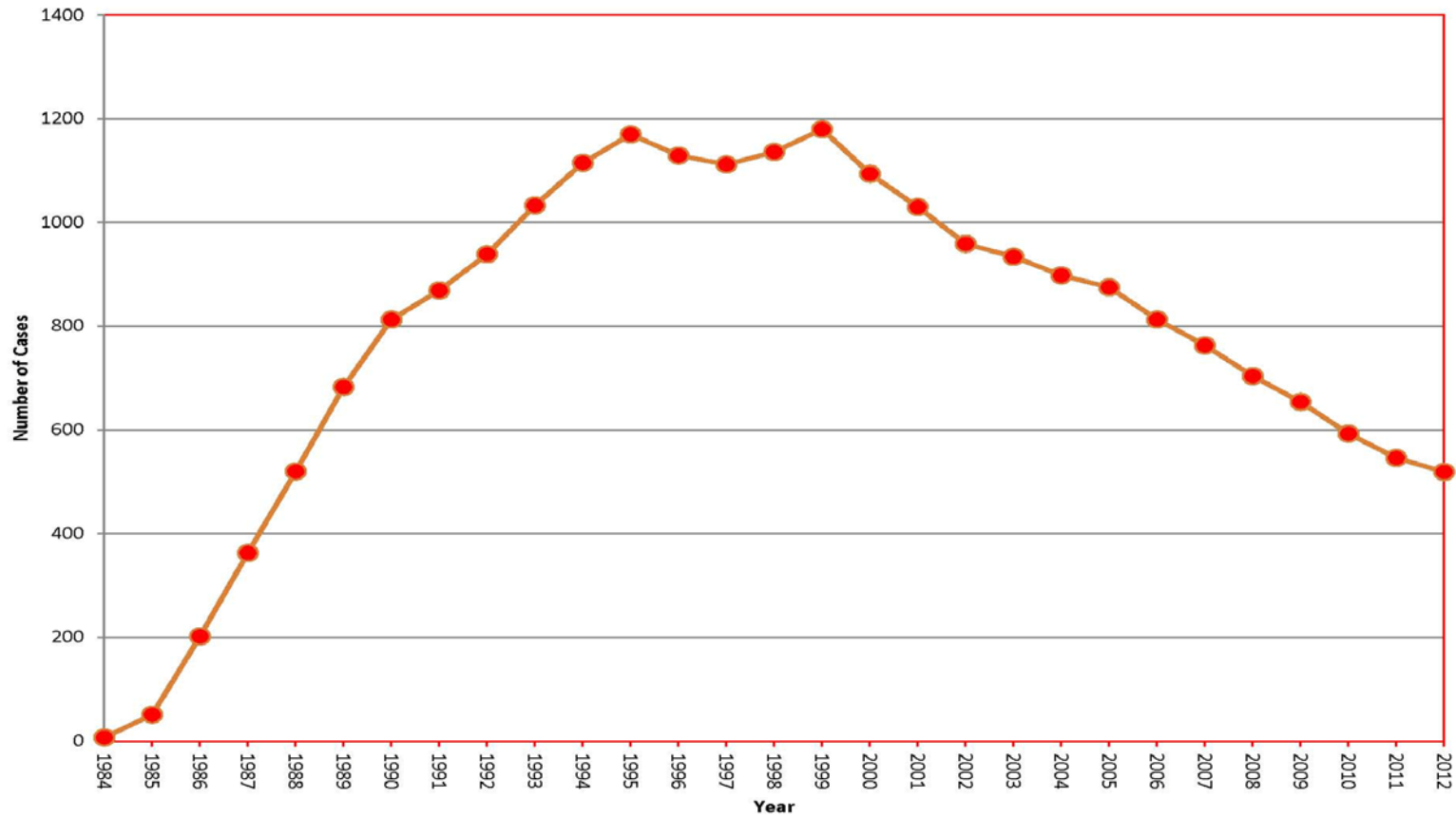
- Aligns California law with federal regulations pertaining to tanks located below the surface of the ground in vaults or basements (e.g., repair bays)
- Formerly, California regulated these tanks as USTs, while they were considered above-ground tanks (ASTs) under federal law
- As ASTs, these tanks will now be subject to a consistent set of requirements
- Names the State Fire Marshall as lead agency for ASTs storing petroleum

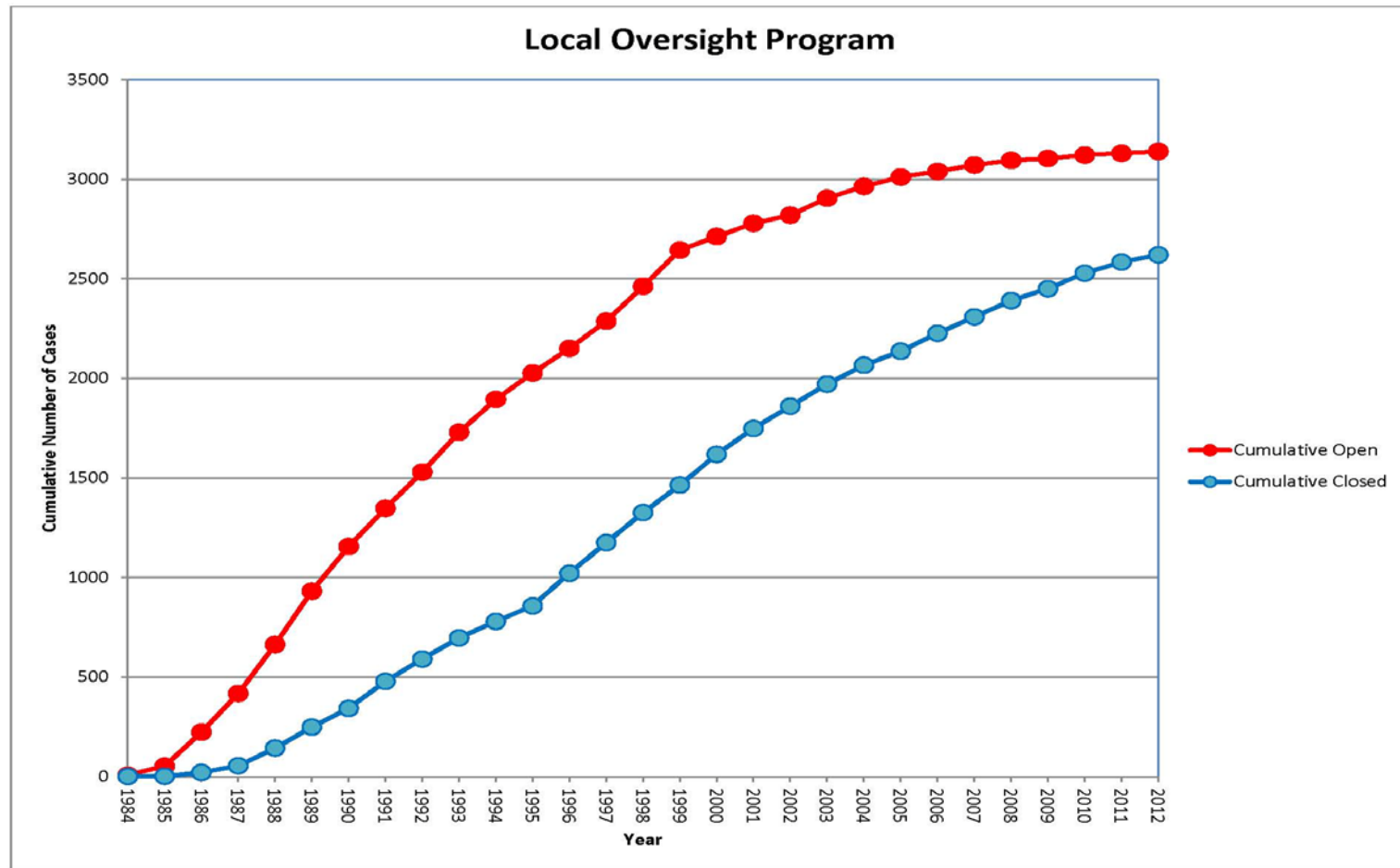


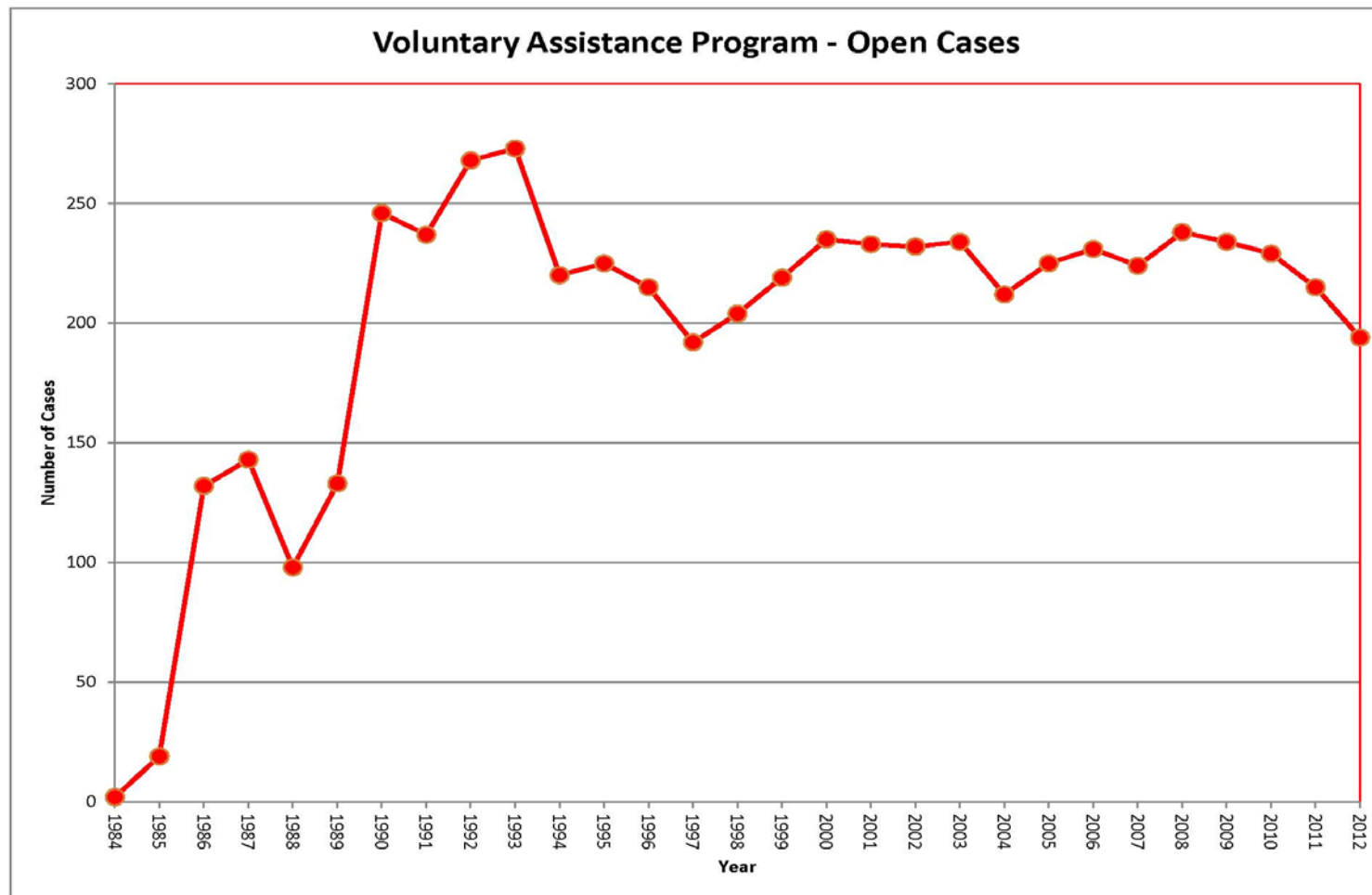
Current Active Cases

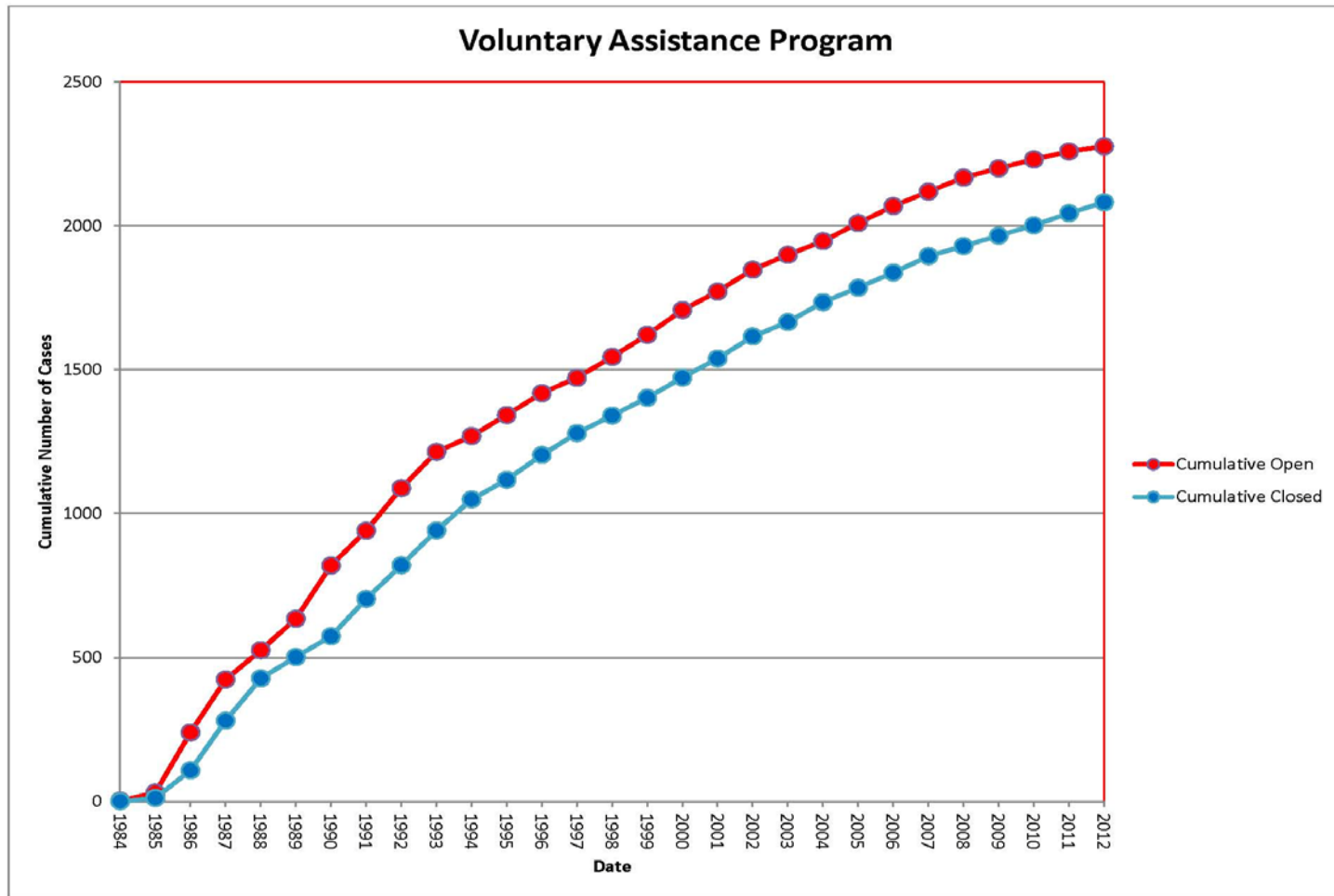
	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u># Cases</u>
LOP	UST Cleanup Fund	504
VAP	Private Party	142
Site Designation	Private Party	6

Local Oversight Program - Open Cases









Environmental Corrective Action Program (ECAP)

- DEH's application has been accepted by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- When implemented, DTSC would delegate authority to SAM to oversee the cleanup of hazardous materials or wastes from any of the following types of permitted businesses or facilities in the County:
 - Handles and/or stores hazardous materials/wastes
 - Generates or treats hazardous wastes
 - Generates or treats medical wastes
 - Operates underground storage tanks



ECAP Advantages

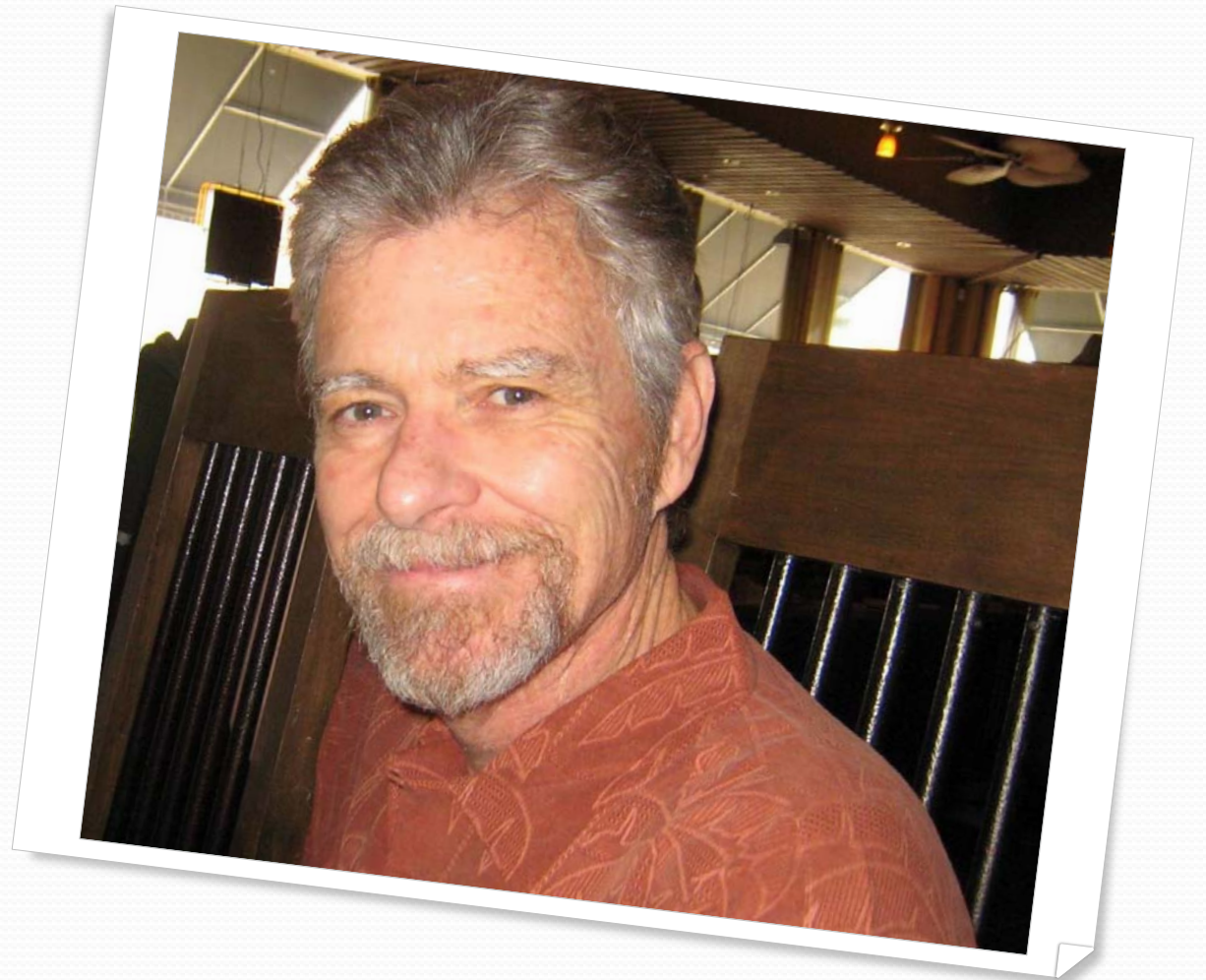
- Local case management for site assessment and cleanup
- Enforcement authority - ability to impose fines/ liens
- Ability to control land use through deed restrictions or County-recorded covenants



SAM File Imaging Program

- All of the monitoring well files have been imaged.
- 100 % of the SAM *closed* case files are imaged.
- All files available online mid-to-late 2013 through Accela Citizen Access.

**Mike Vernetti
retired after
30 years with
the County**



New Supervisor for SAM Staff

Neil Searing was promoted to be the new SAM supervisor following Mike Vernetti's retirement in 2012.



